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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants hereby bring the attached documents to the attention of the examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. For those documents not in English attached also is a statement of relevance, an English abstract and translation of relevant portions.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.


Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP § 609] with the next communication.

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